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1. During the period from 16 to 20 April 1951 it was ascertained

[redacted] that surveying for the planned Grunow-Ziltendorf railroad line is under way and that the Ziltendorf railroad station will be converted to a major freight station. Details of the project are not yet available. However, it is believed that this new freight station will be the future transloading point of the Foundry Combine, Fuerstenberg/Oder. *

2. [redacted] it was also learned that the Ziltendorf railroad station will be enlarged to a major installation. The surveying for this project has been under way for two to three months. After completion of the southern section of the Berlin Outer Freight Ring, work on the Grunow-Ziltendorf railroad line will be accelerated. [redacted]

Comment. The planned construction of the Grunow-Ziltendorf railroad line was reported previously. [redacted]. It is believed that the new railroad line is designed to establish better railroad connections for the Foundry Combine East which is being established near Fuerstenberg/Ordr, and to ease the traffic burden on the double track Frankfurt/Ordr-Berlin line which runs parallel to the Grunow-Ziltendorf line and which is of the greatest importance for Soviet transit traffic. The new line will also improve railroad connections to the Soviet supply installations located in this area. The Ziltendorf railroad station is to be used as a shipping and receiving station for the Foundry Combine East.

Comment. The date for the completion of the southern section of the Berlin Outer Freight Ring was 10 July 1991. According to radio broadcasts, this section was actually opened on this date. However, it is believed that adequate safety and signal installations are not yet available so that for the time being traffic on this line will be handled on a makeshift basis.

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